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Speaking of Angel's share fungus.

From: Casey, Jim
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2014 11:12:49 AM
To: Garrison, Geoffrey
Subject: FW: Black sooty mold article

Hey Geoff,

Dr. Joe Williamson of UVI's Extension Program (whom I think you know) called me to get a status action EPA has taken in address of the black sooty mold concern that has exploded as problematic in St. Croix. I share that the agency has recognized the problem, and especially in the proximity of the Rum storage facilities. I informed Dr. Williamson that EPA has been in communication with VIDPNR and VIDOH on how the departments are planning to address the issues from the State's jurisdiction. Further, I informed him that EPA has also approached ATSDR to see if they would consider looking into the matter, but has not received definite feedback from the other federal agency.

Dr. Williamson asked if I would take a look at a draft article he prepared to be published in the UVI Extension Newsletter. He was concerned over making inappropriate representation implicating EPA. I have taken a look at the write-up, and did not find any ill-advised comments associated with EPA's role in the VI black mold problem. I am forwarding the article for your review. Further, if you have more definitive status on the actions that agency has taken, and can be shared with Dr. Williamson, let me know, or just reach him yourself. He is desiring EPA's feedback at our earliest opportunity, seeing that the article is due.

Jim...

From: Joe Williamson [mailto:jwilli1125@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2014 4:31 PM
To: Casey, Jim
Subject: Black sooty mold article

Hi Casey,

Thank you for offering to review my article for our extension newsletter. As we discussed, I feel the need to educate about the causes of black sooty mold while also trying not to point at anyone as causing a major problem.

Feel free to comment on only the distillery part, or the whole article. And feel free to pass it around. I plan to turn this in for publication on Friday.

Joe